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REMARKS

Claims 12 and 15 are pending. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 12 and 15 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent 6,692,607.

Although Applicants respectfully submit that claims 12 and 15 are patentably distinct from claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent 6,692,607, in order to advance prosecution of the application, filed herewith is a terminal disclaimer obviating the rejection.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection are respectfully requested.

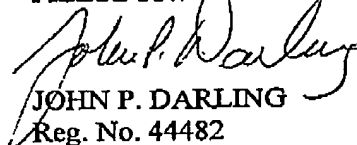
The objections and rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit ~~that the application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly~~ solicited.

If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Attachment: Terminal Disclaimer (U.S. Patent 6,692,607)